OLR Bill Analysis SB 1144

AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE TUBE FEEDINGS.

SUMMARY:

This bill permits trained unlicensed assistive personnel to administer jejunostomy and gastrojejunal tube feedings to students in public and nonpublic schools. The tube feedings must be administered according to the written orders of (1) a physician or (2) an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant licensed to prescribe.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

BACKGROUND

Types of Feeding Tubes

A jejunostomy tube is surgically implanted in the upper section of the small intestine called the jejunum, which is just below the stomach.

A gastrostomy is a surgical opening made through the skin of the abdomen into the stomach. A gastrojejunal tube is a tube within a tube placed in the opening. One tube ends in the stomach and the other in the small intestine.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference Yea 26 Nay 0 (03/14/2011)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/23/2011)